



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Louis Bureau - underwent surgery on 4/9 to repair a damaged tendon on his left shoulder; also requests prayers for his family
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Glenda Castleberry - recently diagnosed with liver cancer; stage & treatment not known
- Diane Cote - left leg amputated up to the knee as a result of diabetes; now using a temporary prosthesis and undergoing prosthetic rehab
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Kate Ivory (niece of Robbie Andrews) - Please pray for her spiritual welfare as she studies God's word with our brother Robbie
- Terry Kennedy - hip replacement surgery on 5/16 was successful; now home recuperating
- Bob Kenneth (friend of Terry & Betty) - slowly recovering from a severe back injury
- Richard Miles (Kathleen's nephew) - undergoing chemo & radiation to combat a rare sarcoma
- Alivia Schmidt (Terry & Betty's granddaughter) - suffering with Crohn's Disease at 15 years old
- Brad Shaw - suffered a heart attack on 5/21; had a procedure on 5/24 to remove blockages
- Henry Terrill - undergoing radiation treatments for prostate cancer (localized in the prostate)
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray for those not with us today — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling



"I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God: incline Thine ear unto me and hear my speech."

(Psalm 17:6)

Decision & Resolve



Shortly before his death, God's faithful servant Joshua challenged Israel with these familiar words, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15). This is a choice we all need to make. Unless a firm and fixed decision is made to faithfully serve the Lord, it will not happen. If we do not completely agree and fully accept the fact that God's will and ways are right and best for us, our service to God will be half-hearted (Col 3:23) and our Christianity will be lukewarm (Rev 3:15-16; 19).

Joshua proclaimed, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua had made his decision. Motivated by love and reverence for the Almighty, he firmly resolved to faithfully serve Jehovah God. We too need this kind of resolve — "to make a definite and serious decision; to settle the matter" (*Webster*). We need to settle once and for all whether we will faithfully serve and worship God and our Lord Jesus Christ, or whether we will serve our idols (anything that takes the place of God in our hearts).

"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him with sincerity and in truth, and put away" [your false gods] (Joshua 24:14). Joshua challenges Israel to repent and renounce their false gods. If they are to faithfully serve the Lord, they need to give their idols up completely and have absolutely nothing to do with them. "Now therefore, put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel" (v. 23).

Our God will not accept intermittent commitment or half-hearted service. The essence of the law was to "fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul" (Dt 10:12). "Let your heart therefore be loyal [wholly devoted] to the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and keep His commandments" (1 Kings 8:61). So, "whatever you do, do it heartily [put your heart in it; do it energetically & enthusiastically], as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ!" (Col 3:23-24).

Joshua's sound and sobering words evidently penetrated the minds of those present and deeply touched their hearts. They responded, "We will also serve the Lord, for He is our God" (v. 18). Realizing that these words are easy to say but difficult to practice, Joshua stressed that this commitment should not be made lightly, but should be considered carefully and deliberately. Again, they responded, "No, but we will serve the Lord" (v. 21). May our sincere and dedicated response be the same. —**Terry Schmidt** ✍

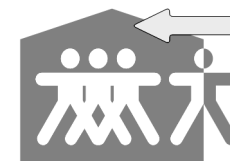
It is our pleasure to announce that

Leslie Denbow

has expressed her

desire to place membership here at
Southern Maine church of Christ.

We are pleased and blessed to have her
worship with us and warmly welcome
her to our congregation! 😊



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17
Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

😊 **Welcome Visitors!** 😊

We are glad to have you as our honored guests!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

George Cuvellier - June 5th

Jan Sampson - June 11th

Georine Cuvellier - June 25th



We will enjoy our potluck meal next Sunday after services. We hope you will stay for this special time of food, fun & fellowship! ☺

“...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.” — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 5,604

This Month: 662



SNACKS!

June 2: Betty

June 9: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution

for May 26, 2024

Attendance — 21

Contribution — \$892

Order of Worship

June 2, 2024

“Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding”

📖 - Psalm 47:6-7 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—120

Opening Prayer: *Wayne Sampson*

Song—327

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*

~ Joshua 23:6-8 ~

Song—297

The Lord’s Supper

Jason Kennedy (lead) & Mike Doucette

Song—332

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

“A Call for Decision & Commitment”

Song—644

Announcements & Closing Prayer

George Cuvellier

Alternate: *Louis Bureau*

Lord’s Supper Prep: *Paula Kennedy*

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We love Him, because He first loved us.
- 1 John 4:19 -

June 2, 2024

Meeting on the Lord’s Day:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

“Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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